

## BLACK HOOD DEN CLEANS UP.

MRS. WOOD EXPECTS TROUBLE IN HER 3 CENT WOMEN'S HOTEL.

Health Officers in the Wake of the Cops—Weird Female Weekends Rise From the Sawdust to Beg the Price—Can You Blame Them? Asks Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Annie Wood had a busy day yesterday in her two-cent lodging house for women down on James Slip. Saturday night the police of the Oak street station swept down on her. They routed out women in greasy black bombards from their burrows under the tables; they took half a dozen "black hoods" from a beery sleep on the sidewalk of the main floor. Fourteen old women, the wrecks of long lives more or less respectable, were bundled into the wagon. From the wagon they went to court and from court to the Island. Mrs. Wood knows from old experience that after the police come health officials, middle-class people with high-falutin' ideas about dirt piles in the corner and lodgings on the floor. So all day she worked with a shovel and a pail of soap-suds, clearing out corners and scrubbing down stairs.

The police say that her house is a "dump" for women handmaids; the home of the "black hoods," those old and harmless women who panhandle the poor of Cherry Hill and the Ghetto for pennies and nickels. Mrs. Wood says that she keeps only respectable working women, and that the ways of the police are a shame.

"No, not a look within, darlin'," said Mrs. Wood, mapping the soap-suds of her arms. "The poor old ladies is tired, and the place is too up like. Come to-morrow, that's a good thing."

"Beggars? The saints hear me, an' this the day of the Holy Virgin—now ye wudn't be pushin' by an old woman, and ye the fine, handsome young man ye are, the Lord bless ye an' spare ye to yer mother! Two sons I've buried, an' one was an handsome young man as ye are, not comparin' ye to the dead, ye wudn't be bullyin' an old woman, that's a bye!"

"Beggars! The devil fly away with the tongue of the dirty Judge that said it. There's old Mary now, blind this ten year. Why wud she be beginnin' an' her drivin' a pension?"

"The true she walks out sometimes with the dog leadin' her. If a good body like her a dime 'd ye call that beginnin'?"

"An' if a lady slips a bit o' money to Ellen, that can't scrub wid the pain in her back these three years, is it beginnin' ye call it?"

"Three months on the Island for Katie McGloyn, an' she wid a baby! An' what I'm to do wid it, ye tell me?"

"Take it to Father Curry," says Foley. "Father Curry says I 'an' wid all them pieces in the paper about me house."

The wailing of a child came down from the upper floor, mixed with the cracked voice of an old woman. Mrs. Wood held up one of her soapy hands.

"Awake again!" she explained, "an' nobody wid her but old Crazy Jennie. Now go away, that's a fine handsome lad, an' don't be botherin' an old woman—and Mrs. Wood, with a speed surprising considering her white hair, stamped up the steps.

A noise of bawling arose from the ground floor room, originally a store, which stood to the right of the hall. A door banged open, and a witch in rusty black shuffed out in a man's congress shoes, mumbled her drunken lull. A wisp of gray hair hung over one bleary eye, and she was swinging a tin pail.

"The Lord bless ye!" she croaked. "Only a nickel for a poor old woman like me, how she'll get the night. The Lord bless ye!"

Two faces, corpse-white, seamed, framed in stringing hair, popped out of the doorway. Behind them burned one gas-jet, for the curtains were drawn and nailed tight to shut out the view from the street.

The floor was covered ankle deep with dirty sawdust, mixed with humps and seams from the lodgers of the night before. On a bench under the door were two bunches of black rag, sound asleep.

The reeking walls, plastered here and there with a picture from a Sunday paper or a cheap religious print, were obscured by the steam from an iron kettle, which had just been set on the table. Six bags were spilling at it with forks or reaching with their fingers. One of the withered creatures had taken her share on a tin plate. Hunched over it on the floor, she was mumbled a bone like an animal. Hanging close to the pot was a bag somewhat younger than the rest. Her hands, as she fished in the stew, were withered but small and white, and on either cheek was a touch of rouge.

For a second, at the sight of a strange man of the other world, they sat staring with heavy eyes.

"A cop!" cried the hag on the floor. And then they lifted up their voices and wailed all together.

"No, I'm not," said the reporter.

"The hag on the floor crawled up close and began to fondle his arms.

"A fine, handsome young man ye are," she said, "an' ye wudn't be beggin' or a quarter maybe just for a drop o' somethin'!"

Another figure and another shuffled up to the doorway.

"Only a dime, an' God bless ye!"

"For a poor old woman that was cook to the Astors for seven years!"

"It's such a fine, handsome young man ye are—"

Something like a cyclone struck the door. It was Mrs. Wood. A mop and a bucket were hurled at the intruder.

"Ye four-eyed, monkey-faced divil!" she shrieked. "Didn't I tell ye to be goin' away wid ye!"

Then, as Mrs. Wood's eye swept over her lodgers scurrying back to the pot, and as she divined what they had been doing she grew wheedling again.

"It's only when they've had a drop too much that they ask," she said. "An' ye blame 'em for takin' a drop after the cops break in an' scarin' the poor old bodies? Now run away an' don't be botherin' that's a fine, handsome lad!"

"Cooked for the Astors seven years—seven years," croaked the wreck on the sawdust, as Mrs. Wood slammed the door.

**NO MAY DAY PARADE AT MILAN.**

Annual Event Abandoned in Fear of Disorders.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MILAN, May 1.—The usual May day procession here was abandoned for fear that it might give rise to disorders.

FERRARA, May 1.—May day was celebrated here with fete, lectures and meetings.

FLORENCE, May 1.—Meetings were held here to-day to protest against the Government's large expenditures for military purposes and against the grain duties.

Our Treaty Negotiations With Germany.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

COLOGNE, May 1.—A semi-official despatch to the Cologne Gazette says that the commercial treaty negotiations with the United States will not be opened until fall, which means that the negotiations must be concluded before Dec. 1, as the treaty provides for three months' notice of the termination of the treaty by either side.

Cuba Lowers Sugar Duties.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, May 1.—The House of Representatives to-day passed a bill lowering the duties on crude and refined sugar to five and six cents per 100 lbs. respectively.

The bill also empowers President Palma to take steps to have Cuba join the Brussels sugar convention if it is thought advisable.

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## MAYOR PICKS MAGISTRATES.

WAHLE GOT A FOUR-YEAR JOB IN SPITE OF HAFEN.

Deputy Commissioner McAvoy's Brother Another Short Term Man—Justices Finn, Steiner and Moss Land Full Terms—Lynn a Justice Again.

Mayor McClellan appointed yesterday Joseph Moss, Henry Steiner and Daniel E. Finn to succeed City Magistrates Flammner, Mott and Ommen, whose terms expired. The appointments are for ten years at \$7,000 a year. Messrs. Moss and Steiner were already serving unexpired terms, and to serve out these terms the Mayor appointed Charles G. F. Wahle and Francis S. McAvoy.

The naming of Wahle raised a great rumpus among the followers of President Haffen of The Bronx. Wahle has been working to oust Haffen from the leadership of the Thirty-fifth Assembly district and intends to fight for the control of the district at the next primaries. Apparently it became known on Saturday to Mr. Haffen and his friends that Wahle was to get an appointment. Accompanied by a committee of fifty Haffen trooped down from The Bronx on Saturday and protested to Charles F. Murphy.

"What's the use of coming to me?" Mr. Murphy is said to have told the delegation. "I don't have anything to do with the appointment of the Magistrates. Why don't you go to the Mayor?"

The same compact body marched down yesterday to the City Hall. They reached there at about 2 o'clock. Only Mr. Haffen went in to see the Mayor. He protested the vigorously against the selection of Mr. Wahle that the Mayor consented to hold the appointment in abeyance until he could get some points on the situation in The Bronx.

Mr. Wahle had been directed to be at the Mayor's office at 2 o'clock to be sworn in. When he arrived Mr. Haffen was still with the Mayor. For half an hour or more he sat down in the outer office listening to the predictions of the Haffen men that he would be elected. He is a graduate of Columbia University and law school and has been employed in the law department of the Custom House for 42 years.

Mr. Wahle was born in 1866. He read law in the office of Frederick H. Betts and is a member of the Bar Association and of the Anawanda Club. He is a graduate of the City College.

Daniel E. Finn, long known as "Battery Dan," is the son of the First District Municipal Court and the Tammany leader of the First District. Before he was made a Civil Justice he served several terms in the Assembly.

Mayor McClellan appointed ex-Justice Wauchope Lynn to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Finn. He will serve to the end of the year and a Justice for a full term will be elected in November.

**BRITISH ATTITUDE IN MOROCCO.**

Gerald Lowther Explains Purpose of His Mission to Fez.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, May 1.—The Tangier correspondent of the Temps interviewed to-day Gerald Lowther, the British Minister in Morocco, who said that, when he arrived at Tangier to assume his duties, he had not expected to go to Fez until the fall; but under express instructions from his Government he would start for Fez as soon as his escort arrived.

"Consequently," said Mr. Lowther, "my mission is no longer merely protocolaire, but assumes the aspect of supporting diplomatically the execution of the agreement of April 8, 1904. The English Government all the more readily fulfils this, inasmuch as the proposals that France makes to the Sultan are absolutely in accordance with the spirit of the agreement of April 8, without injuring the interests of a third party, and safeguarding the security of Morocco, and they may aid the gradual pacific development of the country."

Court of Appeals Calendar.

ALBANY, May 1.—Court of Appeals calendar for to-morrow: Nos. 722, 202, 801, 803, 804, 805, 807 and 809.

**BLAZE IN NEWARK.**

A Woman Who Leaped Into a Blanket Injured.

Five three story frame tenements in Jackson street, Newark, near the Central railroad, were burned last night. A Polish woman threw her baby from a third floor window into a blanket held by neighbors.

The baby was hurt, but when the woman leaped into the same blanket she went through to the ground and was seriously injured.

**POLICE CHIEF SHOT.**

In Raid on Gambling Den—Three of His Men Also Wounded.

UNION CITY, Tenn., May 1.—Chief of Police Pardue and three of his men were shot by negroes this afternoon in a gambling den which was being raided. Four negroes were arrested at the time. Later the one who did the shooting was caught. Hundreds of white citizens repaired to negro broke up the joints and gave the proprietors until night to leave. All are packing up and moving out.

**Court Calendars This Day.**

Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.

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